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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

INFO HORN OF AFRICA COLLECTIVE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 123107

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, MOPS, ET, SO

SUBJECT: MENGISTU'S WARNING TO SOMALIA

REF: ADDIS ABABA 2177

1. WIRE SERVICE REPORT FROM NAIROBI APPEARING IN WASHINGTON POST MAY 15 ALLEGED THAT MENGISTU ACCUSED SOMALIA OF "CONTINUING THE WAR IN THE DISPUTED OGADEN REGION WITH THE HELP OF THE UNITED STATES AND ARAB NATIONS." POST ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT IN SPEECH BROADCAST BY ETHIOPIAN RADIO, MENGISTU CHARGED THAT US MILITARY ADVISERS ARE PRESENTLY IN SOMALIA ACTIVELY HELPING GSDR PREPARE FOR STRIKE AGAINST ETHIOPIA.

2. MENGISTU SPEECH AT JIJIGA REPORTED REFTEL MAKES NO REFERENCE TO US MILITARY ADVISORY PRESENCE AND DOES NOT REFER TO US BY NAME. BASIS FOR NAIROBI INTERPRETATION COULD BE  
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INFERENCE DRAWN FROM MENGISTU'S COMMENTS NOTED PARA 2 OF REFTEL, WHICH REFERS TO SUPPORT FOR SOMALIA FROM IMPERIALIST CAMP "WITH MILITARY ADVISERS AND EXPERTS FROM LIKE-MINDED NATIONS."

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE.

4. FOR NAIROBI: IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU COULD TELL US

HOW NAIROBI PRESS TREATED MENGISTU SPEECH, PARTICULARLY  
REGARDING ANY CHARGES OF US MILITARY ADVISORY PRESENCE.  
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